(d) whether earlier Dr. Golkanath Committee had also given its views in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) In the context of discussion regarding whether and to what extent futures trading has contributed to price rise in agricultural commodities in recent times, the Government set up an Expert Committee on 2-3-2007 under the chairmanship of Professor Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission to study, *inter-alia*, the extent of impact, if any, of futures trading on wholesale and retail prices of agricultural commodities.

(c) The Committee was asked to submit its report within two months from the date of its constitution. The Report is still awaited. The Government has requested Professor Abhijit Sen to submit the Report at the earliest.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Cheap and attractive goods of China

3433. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take any steps to apprise the consumers about the purchase of indigenous goods and about the dangers of purchase of cheap and attractive goods of foreign countries particularly that of China;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some countries have banned Chinese toys for their toxic content; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Department of Consumer Affairs has undertaken multi media publicity campaign regarding consumer awareness under which efforts are being made to educate consumers about their rights and grievance redressal mechanism. Specific focus has been given to spread awareness regarding purchase of goods that are based on standardization such as ISI, Agmark etc.

(b) As above.

(c) and (d) This information is not maintained in this Department.

Import of wheat

3434. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of wheat import for the years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) what is the average price paid per quintal; and

(c) the difference between procurement price and imported price, year-wise?